trained professionals to manage the industry. This has resulted in an increased demand for trained professionals in various sectors servicing the industry.

(x) In order to promote the Technical textiles, Government has approved a Scheme, which aims at baseline survey of technical textiles units and for setting up of four Centres of Excellence, one each for Agrotech, Buildtech, Meditech and Geotech with the total outlay of Rs. 48 crore for 11th Plan period.

Textile mills in Tamil Nadu

2171. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills in the State of Tamil Nadu, separately for public sector and private sector;

(b) the number of mills closed during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to revive the closed/sickmills in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The number of textiles mills in the state of Tamil Nadu in public and private sector as on 31.01.2008 is as follows:—

	Public Sector	Private Sector
SSI	0	977
Non-SSI	11	863
Total	11	1840

SSI:— Small Scale Industry

(b) As on 31.01.2008 and during last three years, 5 private sector cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) were closed in the state of Tamil Nadu. No public sector mill was closed during the last three years. Out of 5 mills closed, 2 mills were closed due to financial problems, 1 mill was closed due to labour problem, 2 mills were closed due to other reasons. Closure details of SSI mills is not maintained by Government.

(c) Government seeks to foster a policy regime, which facilitates growth and development of Indian industry. It has taken a number of steps to revive sick industrial units which, *inter-alia*, include, guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Social Provisions) Act, etc.

For restructuring of high cost debts of textiles units, in the organized sector, Ministry of Finance in Banking Division, in September 2003 introduced a Debt Restructuring Package to help textiles units overcome their unsustainable debt burden.